

Listing of Claims

1. - 9. (canceled)

10. (previously added) A mouse capable of executing a button function, the button function being incorporated into a housing component of the mouse, the housing component being configured to substantially enclose electronics associated with the mouse.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously added) The mouse as recited in claim 10 wherein the button function is associated with performing an on screen action.

13. (previously added) The mouse as recited in claim 12 wherein the electronics generate on screen action signals

14. (previously added) The mouse as recited in claim 10 wherein the electronics generate cursor control signals

15. (previously amended) A hand-held mouse, comprising:
a mouse housing configured to be grasped and manipulated by a hand of a user, the mouse housing encasing mouse electronics, and serving as a movable button so as to perform an on screen action.

16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (previously amended) The hand-held mouse as recited in claim 15 wherein the mouse housing includes a first member and a second member, the first and second members cooperating to form a housing of the mouse, the first member being configured to make moving contact with a surface, the second member being movably coupled to the first member so as to provide a clicking action associated with performing the on screen action.

19. (canceled)
20. (currently amended) An input device, comprising:
a base member; and
an integral top member cooperating with the base member to form a housing of the input device that ~~substantially encloses~~ encases internal components of the input device, the integral top member moving relative to the base member to provide a clicking action, the integral top member being movably coupled to the base member, the integral top member being capable of moving between a first position, placing the integral top member away from the base member and a second position, placing the integral top member towards the base member.
21. (previously added) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the internal components include electronics associated with moving a cursor on a display.
22. (previously added) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the base member is configured to make moving contact with a surface.
23. (canceled)
24. (canceled)
25. (currently amended) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the clicking action is implemented by moving the integral top member to the second position.
26. (currently amended) The input device as recited in claim 20 further including a biasing spring pad for biasing the integral top member in the first position.
27. (currently amended) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the integral top member is pivotally coupled to the base member.
28. (currently amended) The input device as recited in claim 27 wherein the integral top member includes a pair of pivots, and wherein the base member includes a pair of snap mechanisms ~~for matingly engaging~~ that mate with the pair of pivots.

29. Cancelled.

30. (currently amended) The input device as recited in claim 29 wherein the electronic switch is coupled to the base member, and wherein the integral top member includes an elongated member for engaging the electronic switch.

31. (currently amended) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the integral top member ~~is an integrated piece having~~ has no separate mechanical buttons disposed thereon.

32. (currently amended) A computer mouse having a mouse housing for containing mouse electronics, the computer mouse comprising:

a ~~base~~ bottom member configured to make moving contact with a surface;

a top member mechanically coupled with the base member to form the mouse housing and to encase said mouse electronics, the top member defining the entire top surface of the mouse housing, the top member moving relative to the ~~base~~ bottom member between a first position, placing the top member away from the ~~base~~ bottom member and a second position, placing the top member towards the ~~base~~ bottom member, so as to implement a clicking action, the entire top member serving as a movable button for implementing the clicking action; and
an electronic switch disposed inside the mouse housing, the electronic switch being activated by said clicking action so as to perform an onscreen action.

33. (currently amended) The computer mouse as recited in claim 32 further comprising a mechanism for generating cursor control signals, the mechanism being carried by the ~~base~~ bottom member.

34. (previously added) The computer mouse as recited in claim 32 wherein the mechanism is a trackball or optical electronics.

35. (currently amended) ~~A mouse capable of executing a button function, the button function being incorporated into a housing component of the mouse, the housing component being configured to substantially enclose electronics associated with the mouse, The mouse as recited in claim 10~~ wherein the housing component is pushed in its entirety to execute the button function.

36. (currently amended) An input device, comprising:
a base member; and
a top member cooperating with the base member to form a housing of the input device that substantially encloses internal components of the input device, the top member defining the entire top surface of the housing, the top member moving relative to the base member to provide a clicking action, the entire top member serving as a button for actuating an internal electronic switch configured to register the clicking action as an input to the electronics of the input device.

37. (currently amended) ~~An input device, comprising:~~
~~—— a base member; and~~
~~—— a top member cooperating with the base member to form a housing of the input device that substantially encloses internal components of the input device, the top member moving relative to the base member to provide a clicking action, The input device as recited in claim 36 wherein the top member being is an integrated single piece having no separate mechanical buttons disposed thereon.~~

38. (previously added) The hand-held mouse as recited in claim 15 wherein the mouse housing has no separate mechanical buttons disposed thereon.

39. (new) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the integral top member forms the entire top portion of the housing.

40. (new) The mouse as recited in claim 10 wherein the housing component forms the entire top surface of the mouse.

41. (new) A computer mouse that has no mechanical buttons for data selection and command execution disposed on and flush with the mouse surface.

42. (new) A computer mouse having a mouse housing for containing electronics that generates cursor control signals, the mouse housing comprising:
a base member configured to make moving contact with a surface;
an integral top member mechanically coupled to the base member to encase the electronics, the integral top member and the base member being coupled and engaged in a

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manner that allows the integral top member to serve as a button for activating an internal electronic switch to register palm clicking as an input to the electronics.
